

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-854

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tilghman Country Store

## 2. Location

street & number Route 33 and Gibsontown Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state MD county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karl D. and Margaret E. Grogan

street & number Gibsontown Road telephone no.: 886-2598

city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 564

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 513

city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tilghman Country Store is located on the northeast corner of Route 33 and Gibsontown Road in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, MD. The structure faces south, with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1877, this one-story structure is clad in cedar shake shingles and weatherboard. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the brick pier foundation is hidden from view.

The south (main) facade is a three bay gable end with a central door flanked by six-over-six sash windows. This facade is clad in cedar shake shingles and has cornice returns. There is a shed roof porch across the first floor supported by square posts which rest on a cement slab.

The west elevation is covered in cedar shake shingles and has one centrally placed six-over-six sash window. To the north of this earlier building is a two-story, gable end addition built in 1899. Across the first floor of the 1899 structure is an enclosed shed roof addition covered with wide weatherboard planks. This first floor addition has a central entrance door. Two two-over-two sash windows light the second story which is clad with fishscale shingles.

The north elevation has a one-story, shed roof addition which wraps around the east end of the building to the southern elevation of the 1899, two-story wing. The western end of this addition is clad in weatherboard and has one two-over-two sash window. The eastern end is clad in asbestos shingles and has one-over-one sash windows and double doors. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows.

The east elevation of the two-story wing is blind. The east elevation of the one-story 1887 structure has one window which is now boarded up.

The interior of the building has been completely reworked, but the present owners have old photographs displayed in the store which show its interior in the 1930s. Shipping crates which were broken up and used to cover ceiling beams are also visible above the modern ceiling tiles. The icebox at the rear of the store, although not original, came from the Faulkner

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Tilghman Country Store was first opened by John W. and Martha Gibson who purchased this property in 1885 and built the store in 1887. In 1889 the store was sold to Nannie and Oliver Cummings who kept it for ten years until 1899 when Edward N. Lomax purchased the store. Lomax turned the store to face Gibsontown Road and built a two-story living quarters on the rear.

In 1900 Mrs. James Nick Cummings rented the store for the sale of general merchandise and her husband acted as Postmaster in an area rented by the U.S. Government. Edward N. Lomax died in 1912 and the property was conveyed to Sarah Anna Cummings who kept the store until her death in 1927. Between 1933 and 1942 Oscar Sinclair rented the store from the owners, Walter B. and Goldie Cummings.

In 1942 Albert and Lois Sweitzer took over the Country Store and in 1956 the property was purchased by Camper and Gretchen Scharch. Ray and Katherine Kapisak bought the store in 1963 and operated it until 1970 when it was sold to William E. and Patricia Kennedy. In 1980 the store was owned by John Thomas and Kay B. Norwood. Today it is the property of Karl Grogan.

For over 100 years the Country Store has served the Tilghman population. This store is one of the few remnants of the "Central Market Place", a commercial area designated between Gibsontown and Mission Roads in 1900 in the hopes of organizing the village's rapid growth. The Country Store continues to be actively patronized and is a local landmark both because of its age and convenience.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**c** 

D

E 

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**G** 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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<b>name/title</b>	Elizabeth Hughes, architectural historian
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**organization** Talbot County Planning Office **date** 8/90

**street & number** Taibot County Courthouse **telephone** 822-2030

<b>city or town</b>	Easton	<b>state</b>	MD
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Tilghman Country Store description continued.

store which was located by the Fairbank public landing between 1900 and the 1950s.

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**Account Identifier:** District - 05 Account Number - 181682

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** MCGLANNAN, JOHN  
 MCGLANNAN, PATRICIA M  
**Use:** COMMERCIAL  
**Principal Residence:** NO  
**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 303  
 WYE MILLS MD 21679-0303  
**Deed Reference:** 1) / 1167/ 801  
 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** 5949 TILGHMAN ISLAND RD  
 TILGHMAN 21671  
**Zoning**  
**Legal Description** LOT .18 AC  
 E/S N MAIN ST  
 TILGHMAN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
44A		116						81	Plat Ref:

**Special Tax Areas** **Town Ad Valorem Tax Class**

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000	1,749 SF	9,300.00 SF	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
<b>Land:</b>	24,900	27,900		
<b>Improvements:</b>	74,200	59,600		
<b>Total:</b>	99,100	87,500	87,500	87,500
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> CUMMINGS, HARRY F	<b>Date:</b> 07/11/2003	<b>Price:</b> \$220,000
<b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 1167/ 801	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> GROGAN, KARL D	<b>Date:</b> 02/25/2002	<b>Price:</b> \$125,000
<b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 1050/ 397	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> GROGAN, KARL D AND MARGARET E	<b>Date:</b> 12/01/1999	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 950/ 97	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>County</b>	000	0	0
<b>State</b>	000	0	0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*

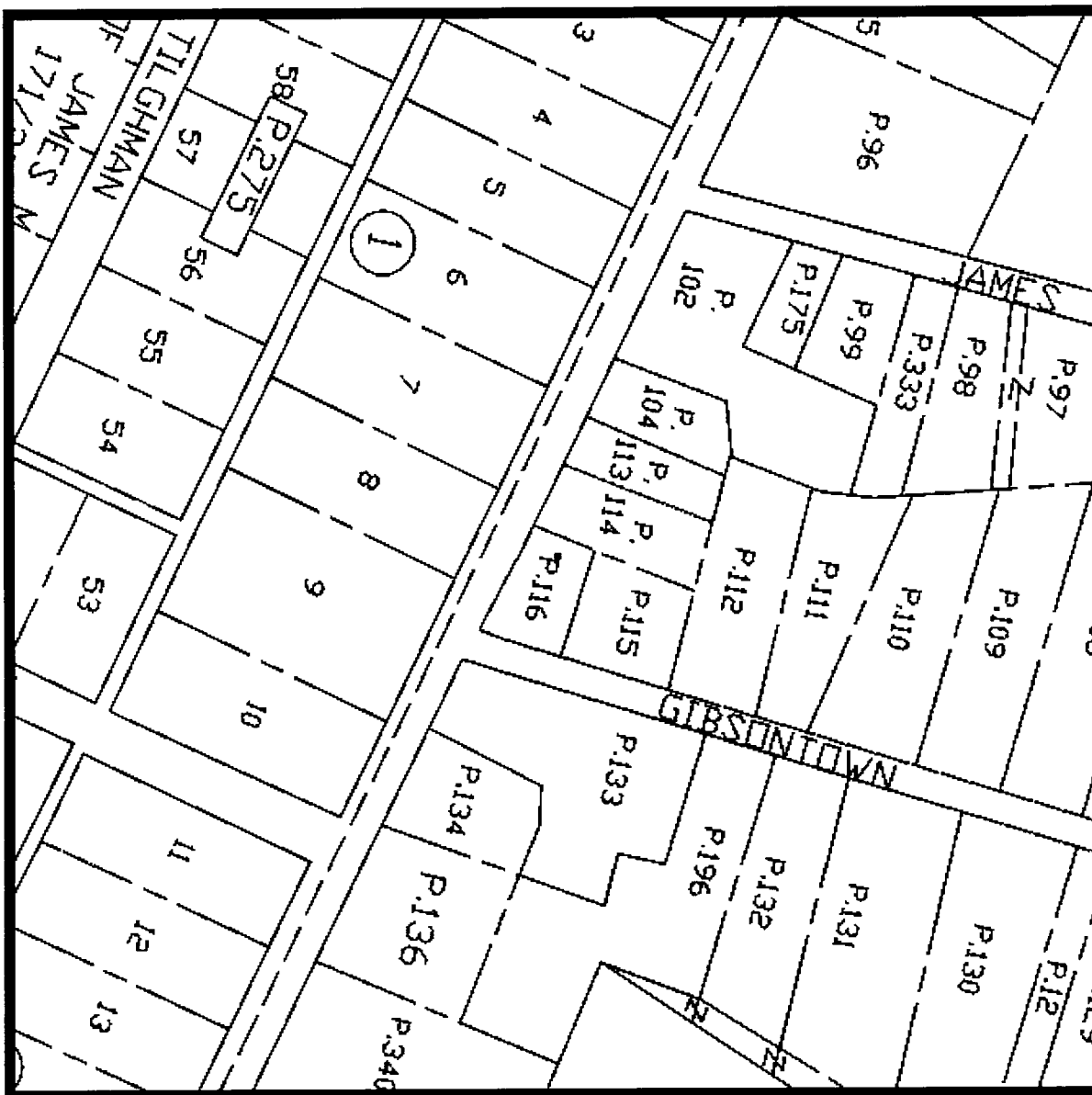
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Tilghman Country Store  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





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TILGHMAN COUNTRY STORE

ROUTE 33 F GIBSONTOWN RD, TILGHMAN, MD

TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

BILL BODENSTEIN, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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TILGHMAN COUNTY ST. 1 F

TILGHMAN ISLAND TALBOT COUNTY, MD

SW ELEVATION.

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